Title
Platt Cline collection

Dates
1876-1979

Extent
5 linear inches

Name of Creator(s)
Cline, Platt

Biographical History
Platt Herrick Cline (1911-2001) was born to Gilbert and Jessie Hatfield Baker Cline in Mancos, Colorado, spending his formative years in Mancos. Cline graduated from Mancos High School and New Mexico Military Institute in 1930, attending the University of Colorado at Boulder for one year.

Platt Cline made his first visit to Flagstaff in 1932, falling in love with the community. Cline’s journalism career started as a reporter for The Mancos Times-Tribune, going on to work for the Norwood Post-Independent, as an Associated Press correspondent, the Coconino Sun, the Winslow Mail, and the Holbrook Tribune-News. In 1936 Cline married Barbara Decker Cline; they had one son (Robert), two grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. In 1938 Platt and Barbara moved to Flagstaff permanently, with Platt going to work for the Arizona Daily Sun. Platt worked as advertising manager, reporter, becoming the editor in 1946. Cline would eventually go on to become the publisher and president of the publication.

Cline was a tireless advocate for the community of Flagstaff focusing on better relations with Native Americans, better housing, and with significant contributions to assisting with the transition of Arizona State Teachers College to becoming Northern Arizona University. Cline also authored several books regarding the history of Flagstaff, including: They came to the mountain: the story of Flagstaff’s beginnings in 1976, Mountain campus: the story of Northern Arizona University in 1983, and Mountain town: Flagstaff’s first century in 1994.

Scope and Content
This collection contains correspondence, photographic material, photocopies of legal documents and charts, and audio recordings pertaining to Cline’s research for his book about the history of Flagstaff and the Hopi language.
System of Arrangement
Materials are arranged into three series:
   Series 1: Flagstaff History
   Series 2: Photographs
   Series 3: Hopi Language Recordings

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Materials are available for research.

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Languages and Scripts of the Materials
All materials are in English

Custodial History
Materials in Series 1 and 2 were in Platt Cline’s possession until donation. Materials in Series 3 were briefly in the possession of scholar P. David Seaman in use for preparation of his Hopi dictionary.

Immediate Source of Acquisition
Materials were donated by Platt Cline in 1976.

Accruals
No accruals expected.

Related Archival Materials
NAU.MS.91, Platt Cline Collection. Cline Library, Special Collections and Archives Department, Northern Arizona University.

Publication Note
Some of these materials were used as research for Cline’s publication, *They Came to the Mountain: the story of Flagstaff’s Beginnings*, Northern Arizona University Press, Flagstaff, 1976.

Description Control
### Inventory

**Series 1: Flagstaff History**
Box 1  Folder 1  Flagstaff history [photocopies], 1876-1979, n.d.

**Series 2: Photographs**
Box 1  Folder 2  Logging Camp Photographs, n.d.
Box 1  Folder 3  Photographs and Negatives of Jimmy Kewanwytewaw, ca. 1950s

**Series 3: Hopi Language Recordings**
Box 1  Reel 1-3  Migration legend and statement by Andrew Hermequaftewa, translation by Thomas Banyacya, recorded by Platt Cline with assistance from Meredith M. Guillet, 1952
Box 1  Reel 4  Andrew Hermequaftewa, speaking in Hopi, no translation, 1952
Box 1  Reel 5-6  Statement by Dan Katchongva of Hotevilla, speaking in Hopi, no translation, taped by Platt Cline, 1952
Box 1  Reel 7-8  Hopi language lessons with Walter, 1952
Box 1  DDS 1-2  Copy of reels 1-3
Box 1  DDS 3  Copy of reel 4
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**LCSH Access Points**
- Hopi language
- Hopi mythology
- Hopi philosophy
- Logging—Arizona—History
- Lumber camps—Arizona
- Arizona—History